VETERANS OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE Second National Reunion



INMEMORIAM

'They, who had all too good cause to know the imperfections of the land of their birth. They who nevertheless chose to offer their special skills for its service. They, who worked arduously despite adverse circumstances, to give their skills direction and purpose. They, who when came the time to make the supreme choice elected to perform, at the cost of their lives, their tasks so vital in the scheme of their country's efforts."

"(The MISLS Album Dedication to the graduates of the MISLS who gave their lives in the performance of their duties......Minnesota, 1946).



(Emblem of MISLS, The Gopher, is the creation of CBI Veteran T/Sgt. Chris Ishii while he was at Savage in 1943.)

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November 9, 1968

Dear Fellow Veterans:

On behalf of the Military Intelligence Service Veterans of Southern California, may we extend our best wishes to our fellow veterans assembled in Los Angeles for our 2nd National Reunion.

We are indeed grateful that many of you journeyed far to be with us for this meeting, and we are hopeful that you and your families will enjoy these events to the fullest.

As in any convention or reunion of this nature, there are bound to be "snafus" of one kind or another, but we know the ingredients are here and we know also that you will provide the catalyst to make this reunion another memorable event in our lives.

This is the time for comradeship, a time to recall the friendships of the past and to renew them in the context of today. May we say also that by this reunion we can be inspired to serve our Country with a deeper love and devotion in these challenging times.

Cordially yours,

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PASSING IN REVIEW

November 1941

The Presidio of San Francisco

The Fourth Army Intelligence School established at the Presidio of San Francisco. The school consisted of a commandant, an adjutant, a cadre of three NCOs, eight civilian instructors, and 60 enlisted students. Commencement found 45 of the original 60 graduating with 35 of them being sent to the Pacific Theater of Operations, in the Guadal-canal area and Alaskan area.

May 1942

Camp Savage, Minnesota

Fourth Army Intelligence School now becomes Military Intelligence Service Language School under the direct direction of the War Department and moved to Savage, Minnesota on the outskirts of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. From an initial class of 200 men, housed and instructed in "log cabins" additional buildings were constructed to house and facilitate the expanded course of instruction, which by the fall of 1944 graduated some 1,600 enlisted men, 142 officer candidates, and 53 officers. In addition to this group, specialized training had been afforded members of the Pacific Command, Canadian Army, Marine Corps Officers who were graduates of the Navy's Japanese Language School, University of Colorado in Boulder. Also from the Army Japanese Language School, at University of Michigan, came caucasian officer candidates for further instruction. Courses taught at the MISLS consisted of reading, writing, and speaking of Japanese; translation, interpretation and interrogation; captured document analysis; Heigo (Japanese Military and Technical Terms); Japanese geography and map reading; radio monitoring; social, political, economic, and cultural background of Japan; Sosho (Cursive Writing); and order of battle of the Japanese Army.

July 1944

Fort Snelling, Minnesota

The constant demand for more trained personnel from the Pacific theater and the need for more facilities necessitated a change in the location of MISLS to Fort Snelling, Minnesota in the summer of 1944. Shortly thereafter, a group of instructors were relieved for special assignment to Camp Ritchie, Maryland. In February 1945 a Chinese division was organized, and shortly thereafter in June a detachment of WACs and officers were assigned to the school.

With V-E Day an all-out attention was focused on the Pacific theater which demanded more trained linguist personnel, and with victory in sight Military Japanese Courses were substituted by courses in civil affairs. Also, there was inaugurated a course in the Korean language. Shortly thereafter with V-J Day a cut-back of personnel was in force, but not before some 6,000 men had been trained by MISLS at San Francisco, Camp Savage, and Fort Snelling.

June 1946

The Presidio of Monterey (Defense Language Institute - West Coast Branch)

In June 1946 again the MISLS was on the move and so from Fort Snelling, Minnesota to the Presidio of Monterey. In September 1947 it became the U.S. Army Language School, and then again in July 1963 it became a part of the Defense Language Institute, West Coast Branch, where the Japanese language became one of the 25 languages being taught by the Army. Today this institute is the world's largest language training center.

"The indispensability of the linguist cannot be summarized in a few paragraphs. It can well be said that without the participation of these men, the U.S. Forces would have battled against greater odds. Information and knowledge of the enemy obtained by these men cannot be measured in words but by the weight of victory itself."

Material Source: The MISLS Album and 25th Anniversary Booklet of the MIS Reunion -

ORDER OF THE DAY

NOVEMBER 8TH - FRIDAY

Early arrivals check in

NOVEMBER 9TH - SATURDAY

9:00 A.M. - 8 P.M.

Registration Ambassador Hotel

Registration at Reunion Mixer,

Merit Savings & Loan Building (8:00 P.M.)

10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Tours (Optional) - Tour A - Disneyland

Tour B - Universal City

12:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Luncheon and Fashion Show - Cocoanut Grove,

Ambassador Hotel (Open to Public)

8:00 P.M. to 12:00 Mid-night

Reunion Mixer - Merit Savings & Loan

Building (2nd Floor) 324 E. 1st St.

Lil 'Tokyo

NOVEMBER 10 TH - SUNDAY

9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Registration - Ambassador Hotel

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Reunion General Meeting

11:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

Free Time

12:00 Noon - 2:00 P.M.

Reunion Luncheon - Cocoanut Grove,

Ambassador Hotel

2:00 P.M. 6:30 P.M.

Free Time

6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

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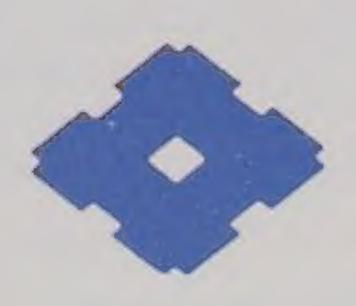
7:45 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Reunion Banquet - Embassy Room,

NOVEMBER 11TH - MONDAY (Veterans Day)

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

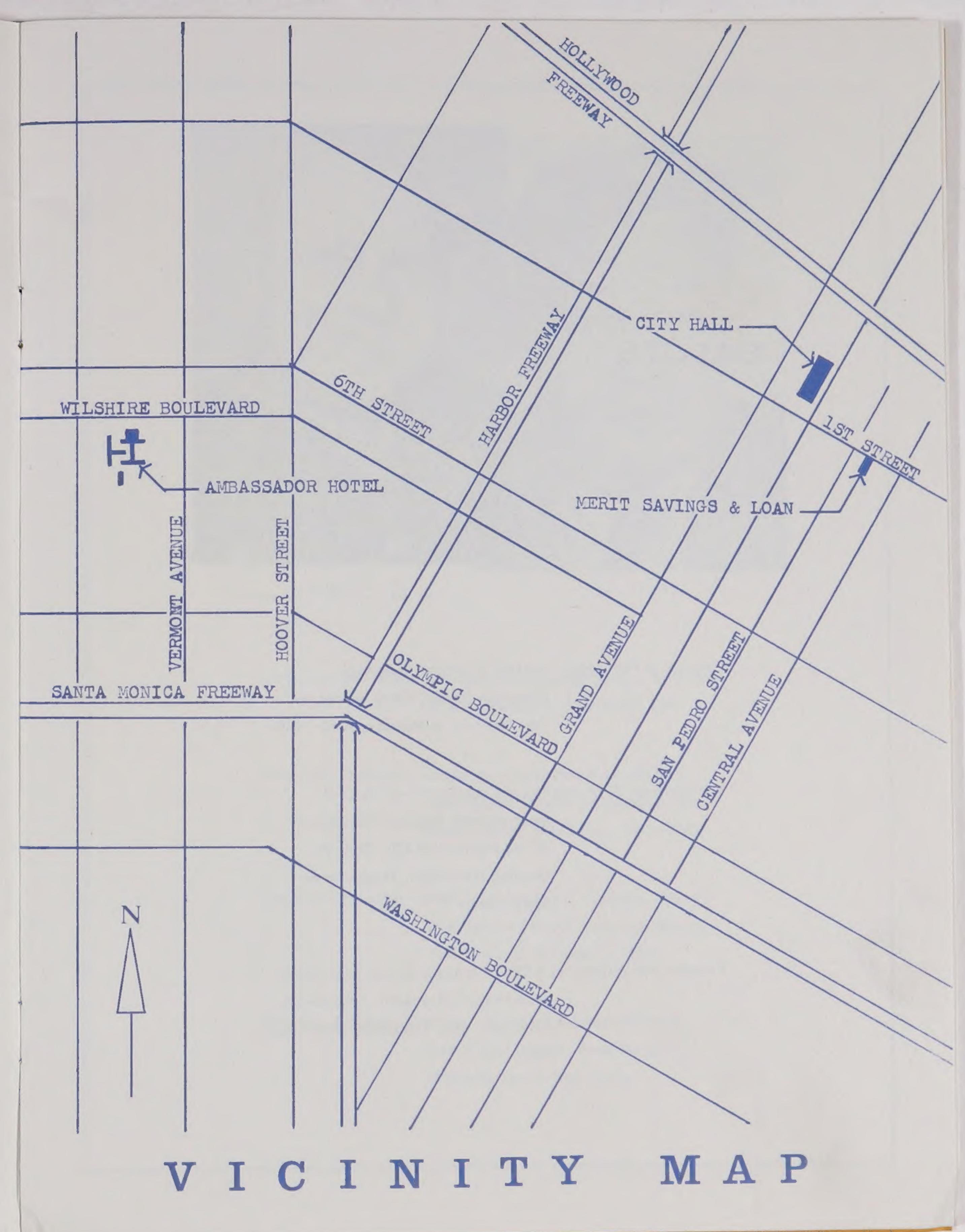
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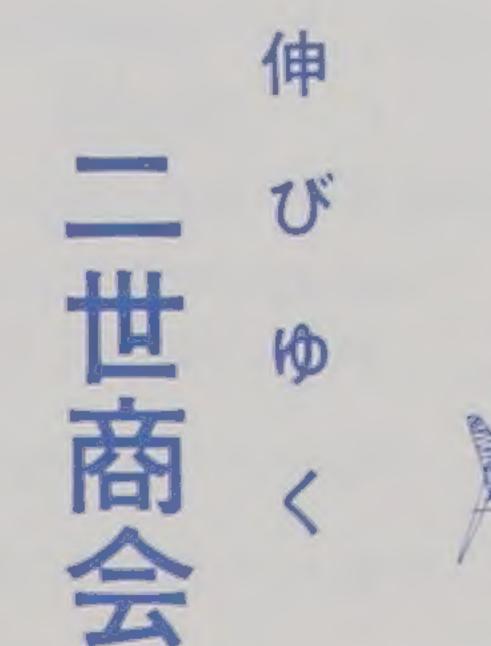
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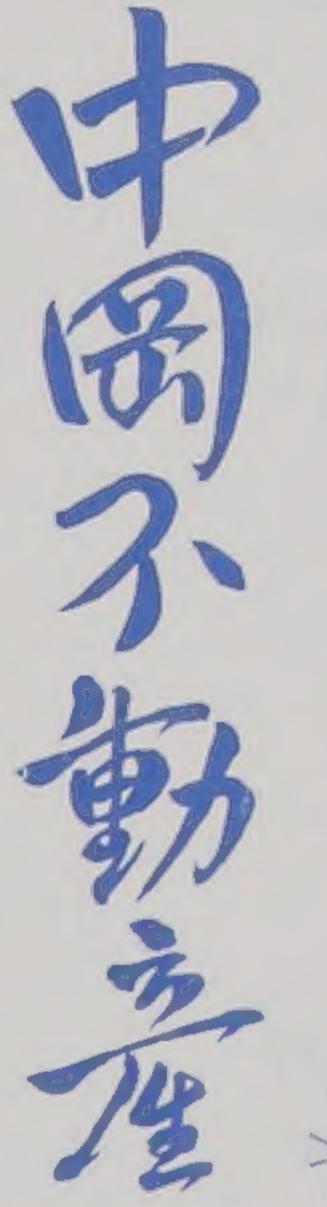
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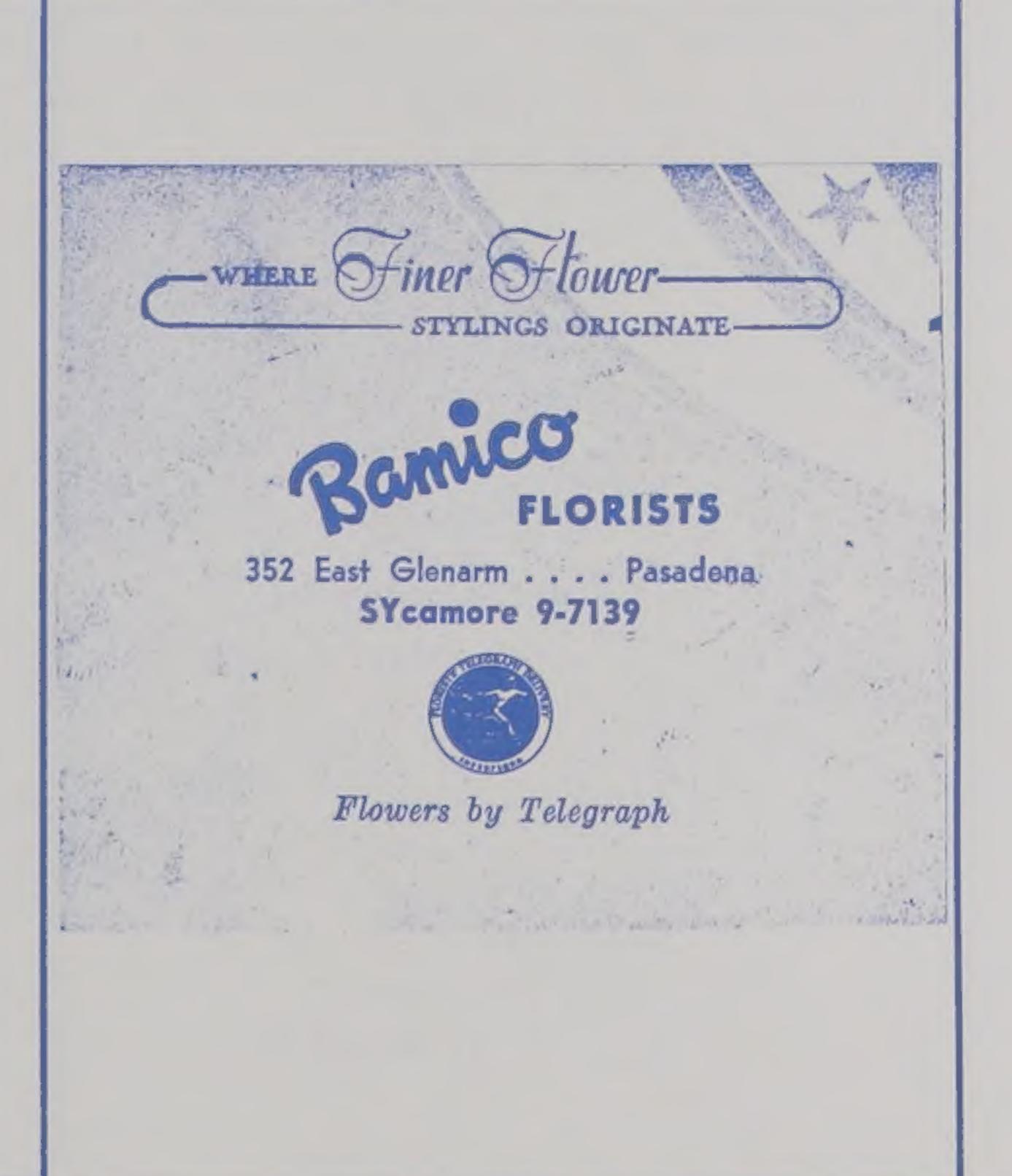
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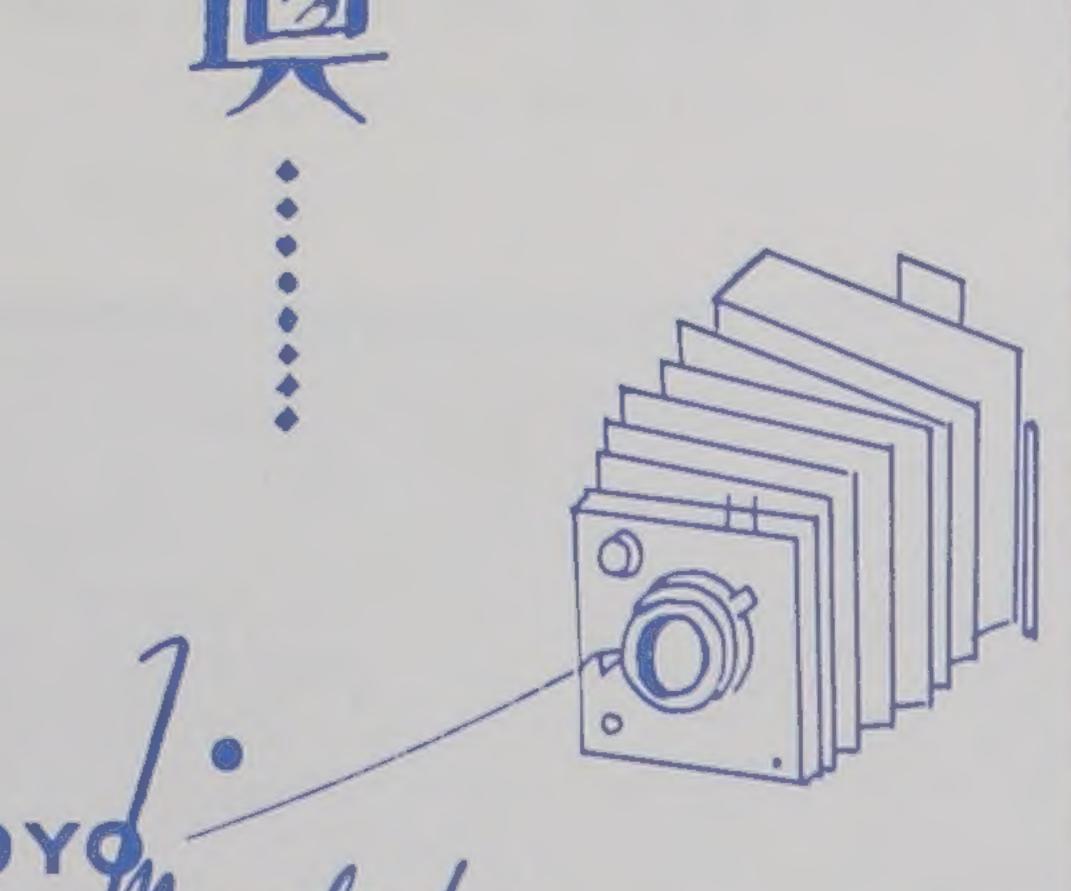
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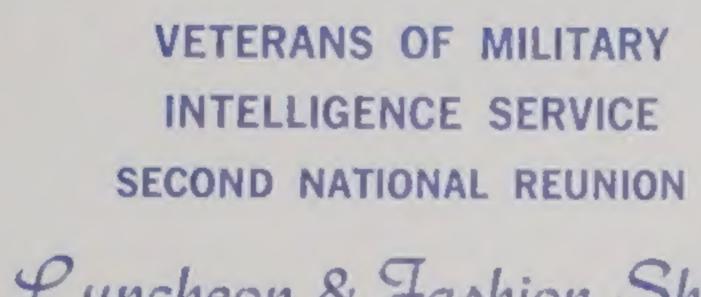
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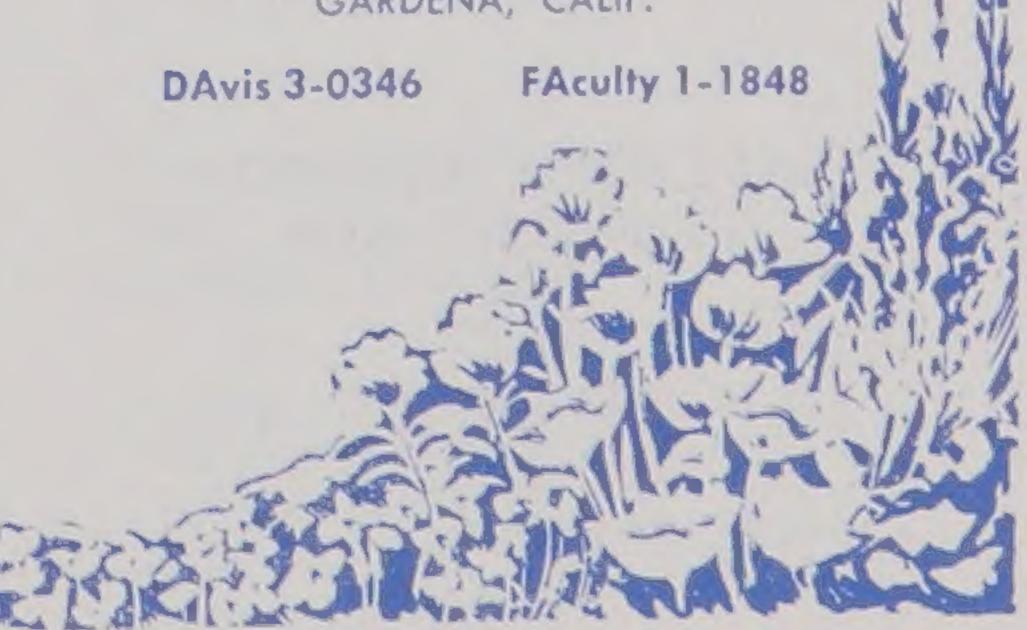


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